GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:110
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2007
SLUMP IN CARPET INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian carpet industry is passing through a phase of slump as reported in the " Rashtriya Sahara" dated January 29, 2007;

(b) if so, whether a comprehensive plan for buyer-seller meet is being formulated by the Government to bail out the industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a decline in India's rank has been registered in the world in carpet production during the last three years;

(e) if so, whether any schemes to uplift the industry is being formulated for carpet producing areas;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 110 FOR ANSWER ON 06.03.2007.

(a): No Sir. According to the provisional export figures, the Indian Carpet Industry is not passing through slump and the industry has witnessed an increase in exports of over 13% in US$ term and 17% in rupees term during the period April, 06 to January 2007 as compared to the same period for the year 2005-06.

(b) & (C): Do not arise.

(d): No Sir. In fact, Carpet Export Promotion Council had undertaken a study through consultant. (M/s. KSA Technopak) in order to study the strength of Indian Handmade Carpet Industry in USA and LAC markets. This study has reported that India has emerged as number one supplier of the handmade carpets.

(e) to (g): Do not arise.